(c) 5 coaches are run between Delhi and Kotdwara by 4041 Mussorie Express and 1 Najibabad-Kotdwara passenger in one direction and 8 Kotdwara-Najibabad Passenger and 4042 Mussorie Express in the other with attaching/detaching at Najibabad. The waiting time at Najibabad is 2·15 hrs. in one direction and 3·30 hrs. in the other.

(d) At present there is no proposal to introduce a direct rrain between Delhi and Kotdwara.

Rail link between Panvel and Karjat near Bombay

2223. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3616 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th September, 1990 and state :

(a) whether the survey for the rail link between Panvel and Karjat near Bombay has been completed ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what is Government's re - ponse to the survey report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir. However, land acquisition has been included in the Budget 1992-93 at a cost of Rs. 5·5 crores.

(b) and (c) Survey has been taken up. Further action will be considered as per results of survey and availability of resources.

Allocation of amount for the conversion of MG into BG of Dindigul-Trichy

2224. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rupees two crores have been allocated for the year 1992-93 for the conversion of metre Gauge to Broad Gauge of Dindigul-Trichy line (93 kms.), if so, what works have been undertaken in the current year for implementation of the project ;

(b) the amount which have been allocated for Madras-Villupuram-Virudachalam-Trichy MG to BG line conversion for the year 1992-93 ; and

(c) what are the works to be undertaken for the implementation of this project during 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Conversion of Madras-Chengalpattu has been taken up in the current year for implementation of the project.

(b) and (c) The section from Madras-Beach to Chengalpattu (56 km) is targetted for completion in 1992-93 . Funds as require for this section will be provided by re-appropriation.

Structure on rent or lease on Railway land in Bombay

2225. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many unauthorised structures and the structures given on rent or lease on Railway land outside and round Suburban Railway sttions in Bombay cause hindrance to the free movement of commuter traffic at entrance and esit of Railway Stations ;

(b) if so, the details of these locations and the number of structures involved in each of these sites ;

(c) whether it is a fct that the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay the State Government and various commuters' Associations have been urging the Railways to remove these structures ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) what steps are being taken to keep proper circulating area and open spaces at entrance and exit at Suburban Railway Stations in Bombay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kurla (West) — 35 Nos.
Kurla (East) — 1 No.
Mulund — 4 Nos.
Chembur — 1 No.
Vikhroli — 25 Nos.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Railways have initiated action for cancellation of licences and removal of shops which interfere with the smooth movement of passengers.

Completiou of Mangalore-Udipi Section

2226. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the MANGALORE-UDIPI Section of the Konkan Railway has been completed and is likely to be opened traffic very soon ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Work is nearing completion. The section will be opened during 92-93.

Road over-bridges at south of Ghatkopar Railway station in Bombay

2227. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay had finalised and submitted a scheme for widening of the existing Road Over-Bridge South of Ghatkopar Railway Station in Bombay ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed scheme of widening and reconstruction involves extension of bridge for providing additional future Railway tracks ;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that the cost of the project would be shared by the Railways and the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay ;

(d) what is Government's response to this project ; and

(e) by when the work is expected to be started and completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The original proposal for widening of Road over bridge at Ghatkopar was withdrawn by Bombay Municipal Corporation on account of its non feasibility. Instead the proposal for a new bridge was initiated. No progress could be made so far, because the requisite charges for Plans and Estimate have not been deposited with the Railways.

(b) to (e) The positon will crystalise only after the detailed survey and investigations, which will be undertaken after the necessary deposit by Bombay Municipal Corporation.

Railway agencies for sale of tickets

2228. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways provide agencies for sale of Railway Tickets to private individuals in some cities ; and

(b) if so, what is the procedure required to be followed by individuals to apply for the purpose ?